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SUBJ: EC-9 AND THE PLO

1. UK REP RICHARD TOLD AMBASSADOR SCALI NOVEMBER 19 THAT
EC-9 GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO ABSTAIN AS GROUP ON PLO
RESOLUTION BUT THAT HE IS WORRIED THAT FRENCH, ITALIANS,
AND IRISH MAY VOTE "YES" AFTER ARABS CHANGE TEXT SLIGHTLY.
RICHARD SAID FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD
EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS YESTERDAY THAT FRANCE THOUGHT PROPOSED
RESOLUTION WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE WITH FEW CHANGES.

RICHARD SAID BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, SUPPORTED
BY WEST GERMANS, DUTCH, AND DANES, EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO
PROPOSED RESOLUTION BUT THAT GROUP IN END AGREED ON
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ABSTENTION POSITION.

2. EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO AGREED THEY WOULD NOT PROPOSE ANY CHANGES OR GET INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATION TO MAKE RESOLUTION MORE PALATABLE.

3. FRENCH REP DE GUIRINGAUD, ACTING ON BEHALF OF EC-9, STARTED TO MEET YESTERDAY WITH PLO REP HERE AFTER TELLING BRITISH HIS CALL HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN PARIS YESTERDAY. ON DOUBLECHECKING, RICHARD DISCOVERED THAT FRENCH AS EC-9 REP WAS AUTHORIZED TO MEET WITH REPS OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS, NOT WITH PLO. AFTER ADVISING FRENCH OF THIS, DE GUIRINGAUD MET WITH EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF STATE ANWAR TO CONVEY EC-9 POSITION.

4. RICHARD HAS CONFIDED THAT HE STRONGLY SUSPECTS THAT IN THE END THE FRENCH WILL LEAD THE ITALIANS AND THE IRISH FROM ABSTENTION TO "YES" VOTE. RICHARD DOES NOT FORESEE ANY "NO" VOTES FROM EC-9 BUT WOULD REGARD ABSTENTION AS GROUP AS MAXIMUM THAT CAN BE EXPECTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

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